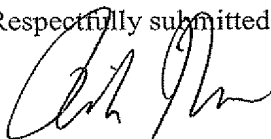


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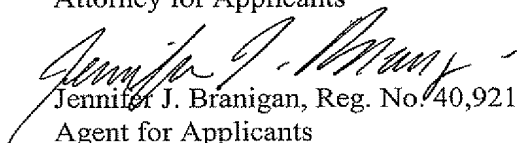
The claims have been amended to place them in a format more customary to US patent practice and to address the 35 USC §112 rejections. Claims 16-17 have been cancelled in favor of new claim 18, which is directed to single species disclosed in Examples 1a-5 and 9-21. As stated on page 20, lines 24-26 of the specification, the compounds are both intermediates and ionic liquids. No new matter has been added.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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